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Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 56/424 of 12 December 2001.

2. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 3rd and 11th meetings, on 27 September and 7 October 2002. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/57/SR.3 and 11).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 24 April 2001 from the representatives of Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Egypt, the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/241).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.2

5. At the 3rd meeting, on 27 September, the representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of Bangladesh, China, the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe, subsequently joined by Egypt and Thailand, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status

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for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/57/L.2).

6. At its 11th meeting, on 7 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.2 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Considering the importance of the work of Partners in Population and Development,

Taking into account the importance of greater interaction between Partners in Population and Development, Member States, and relevant bodies, programmes and agencies of the United Nations in the area of population and development,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and Partners in Population and Development,

1. *Decides* to invite Partners in Population and Development to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.